

CLINCHY'S METER FEES.

MR. SULZER AND MR. HASBROOK SNARE OVER THEM.

Charles F. Terhune Says \$3,000 is a Test Was Deducted from His Sales Commissions on Account of Money Paid to Clinchy by the Maryland Meter Company

The investigation into the official record of Anthony Clinchy, State Inspector of Gas Meters, was resumed yesterday before Severy H. Sharp in Part III of the Superior Court, and it was continually enlivened with bits between ex-Speaker Sulzer and Mr. Hasbrouck.

The first witness called was Charles F. Terhune, a member of the firm of William N. Crane & Co., of this city, manufacturer of gas appliances. He testified that he was also agent for the Maryland Meter Company of Baltimore. He said that he placed New York sales inspector badges upon the men who received from Maryland, Jan. 1, 1868, those received by him. Mr. Farley, eighteen-year-old son found three unburnt matches on the ground near the corner of the steps leading to the Farnish's, which sleeps on the second floor, heard the dog barking in the yard, and, on looking out of his window, thought he saw a man running quiet in a few moments, and Farnish went to bed. An hour later he heard some one walking up the stairs, and, on examination, found it to be Mr. Farley, his eighteen-year-old son, who had been found under the planks were missing, he found the oil-soaked rags and charred paper, crumpled under the lowest step. No arrests have been made. The house belongs to Charles Barney, a real estate agent.

What proportion of the meters received by you prior to 1868 were examined personally by Anthony Clinchy, and how many by his son, the runaway witness?

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How many cases have you tried?

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The witness said that the company said that the money was paid to Clinchy for 2,912 badges.

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On redirect examination the witness said that he had never seen either of the Clinchys examine test meters.

Are you not the meter companies giving up to Clinchy?" began the Deputy Attorney-General.

Mr. Sulzer objected and the witness was not permitted to answer.

Mr. Terhune testified that in one year \$2,000 was deducted from the Treasury of the New York Meter Company on account of \$400 paid to Clinchy. Mr. Sulzer excitedly asked the witness: "Are you willing to swear that the Maryland Meter Company paid that \$2,000 to Clinchy?"

No.

Are you willing to swear of your personal knowledge that the Maryland company ever paid him one cent?"

Not of my personal knowledge."

The meters are now sent to Mr. Clinchy direct; are they not?" asked Mr. Sulzer.

Yes.

That is your grievance against Mr. Clinchy, is it not?

Well, he got the business."

Mr. Sulzer said: "That will do," and Mr. Hasbrouck started to again examine the witness. But he did not think that the Deputy Attorney-General has any right to question the witness after my cross-examination," he said.

Pressed for the right to do so, replied Mr. Hasbrouck, "and if you knew the law you would not object," he said, turning to Mr. Sulzer.

If you had ever read a law book you would know better," exclaimed Mr. Sulzer. "What law books did you ever read, any way?" continued Mr. Sulzer.

Attend to your own case," replied Mr. Hasbrouck.

"If you would let me alone you would get away with it," said Mr. Sulzer.

You are so attractive that I cannot keep my eyes off you; you are so much like Henry Clay," replied Mr. Hasbrouck.

Mr. Sulzer, and Deputy Sheriff Fay was called to the witness stand and testified that he had called at the house of Thomas Clinchy at 115 East Seventh street on the morning and was told that Clinchy was at his office, 115 East Seventh street, but he could not find him there.

I will endeavor to get a warrant for Thomas Clinchy, but I don't believe a warrant could be served on him," said Mr. Sulzer.

The hearing, Mr. Sulzer once more, and a lively tilt followed, to the amusement of those present. Mr. Sulzer said, "Clinchy has not come to see me."

Why don't you produce him then?"

I would if I was asked to properly," retorted Mr. Sulzer, who stood, turned, and faced the Deputy Attorney-General, and asked him how to conduct this case and should resign our office."

Don't worry about my office," said Mr. Hasbrouck. "When you come up for re-election you will be resigned forever."

I didn't get my office by appointment, I go before the people, and all elected me," said Mr. Sulzer, and what is that you are afraid to do?

There will be enough for you to go before the people," said Mr. Hasbrouck.

The hearing was adjourned until next Tuesday.

HOTEL LIABLE FOR A THEFT.

Must Not Let Anybody Into a Guest's Room Without His Authority.

The General Term of the Court of Common Pleas, in an opinion written by Judge Gleicher and concurred in by Judge Bischoff, reversed yesterday the decision of the Fourth District Court in an action to hold the proprietor of the Standard Hotel liable for goods stolen from a guest's room.

Joseph Miry, an English salesman, with some valuable diamonds and other articles arrived in this city from London last winter and put up at the Broadway Central Hotel. His first acquaintance was a man named Roberts, who was living at the hotel, and who pretended also to be a salesman. Roberts gained the confidence of Miry, was in his room a number of times, and examined the samples that he had. One day, in the absence of Miry, Roberts inquired of the chambermaid if his friend had gone, and said that some of his samples were in Miry's room. The chambermaid let him in, and upon the return of Miry to the hotel in the evening his valuable samples were missing. Roberts also was missing and left an unpaid bill.

Miry demanded redress from the hotel proprietors, but they refused to accede to his demands, as Robert had been seen in his company, and that he was a thief. Miry, however, had to hurry back to England, and he assumed his claim against the hotel proprietors, and his subsequent suit against Tilly Hayes to recover the sum of one thousand dollars, or less, to be about \$1,000. The case was tried in the Fourth District court, and a judgment was rendered in favor of the proprietors.

The General Term of the Common Pleas has now reversed this judgment, holding that the action of the chambermaid in allowing Roberts to remain in the room, was unjustified and unlawful, and that the hotel proprietors are liable for her action. The Court says that if servants or employees of a hotel, or any other establishment, upon any pretext, persons to enter a room occupied by a guest in the absence of the latter, then there will be no protection whatever to whatever property may be in the room.

Paul's Fire Carnival To-morrow Night.

Saturday evening will be the greatest fireworks night of the season at Manhattan Beach, where the Carnival of Fire, which for years has been the greatest feature of the summer season, will be celebrated. Among the set pieces at to-morrow night's carnival will be "A Manhattan Night's Dream," "The Seas," "A New York Night's Dream," "A Night of Heaven, Pekin" and a great number of comic devices, including a firework "Boosevietta," "The Devil and Chilean War Spectre," will be given as usual with a grand play of rockets, bombs, and water fireworks than has ever been seen at Manhattan Beach up to date.

Business Troubles.

William H. Griffing, Edward B. Griffing, and Edward P. Bellows II, B. Griffing's sons & co., dealers in farm implements and fertilizers at 70 Cortlandt street, made an assignment yesterday to Joseph H. Farrington, giving preference for \$6,000 to relatives of Mr. Griffing.

John L. Campbell yesterday an execution for \$3,000 due him by the Homestake Mining Company, formerly Postmaster, in favor of Max Toklas, the amount due on a note made on April 1, payable to John L. Campbell, and endorsed by Gratian MacMahon and Sanford McLean. The matter, it is said, grows out of the affairs of the Piqua Club Association.

TRYED TO BURN MOTT MANSION.

Somebody Lighted Oiled Rags Under the Front Steps.

John Kennedy of 323 Madison avenue went to the West 100th street police station last night and handed Acting Captain Conney a bundle of rags soaked with kerosene which he had been found under the steps of the Mott mansion, an old colonial house standing on the northeast corner of Ninety-third street and the Western Boulevard.

The bundle was found early on Wednesday morning by Mrs. Herman Farley, who occupies part of the house. It was wrapped in a partly burned piece of a New York newspaper of Aug. 20. The rags were charred, but had been wrapped too tightly to burn freely. At about 10 o'clock the same morning the Farnish, who sleeps on the second floor, heard the dog barking in the yard, and, on looking out of his window, thought he saw a man running quiet in a few moments, and Farnish went to bed. An hour later he heard some one walking up the steps, and, on examination, found it to be Mr. Farley, his eighteen-year-old son, who had been found under the planks were missing, he found the oil-soaked rags and charred paper, crumpled under the lowest step. No arrests have been made. The house belongs to Charles Barney, a real estate agent.

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The firm consists of twenty-five negroes of Brooklyn, who subscriber a year ago to stock the store with groceries. The stock was insured for \$1,500, but business was not brisk and the stock ran down. The police, who now have charge of the premises, say that at a high estimate it was \$1,000.

At a late hour on Wednesday night Officer Morgan saw the reflection of a flickering light. They saw that the illumination came from a candle which was burning on the floor near a tank filled with kerosene. The floor was soaked with kerosene oil, and greasy scraps of paper and rags were scattered over the candle. The candle was 8 o'clock, no sand, when Morgan made his discovery.

Fire Call from the Ireland Building's Box.

Mrs. Marie Simon, who rents a room at 41 Washington square, South, set a curtain afire last night while she was crimping her hair, and a fire alarm was rung from the box at Madison street a few doors distant. This has a duplicate box at West Broadway and Third street, opposite the Ireland Building, to the latter, the engine went to the latter box first, thereby causing a momentary flurry of excitement in the neighborhood.

Demand for Small Notes to Move the Crop.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Considerable demand is being made on the Treasury of the New York Mint for small notes to move the crop.

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